

Also inside.. *More Out Of Life* Summer Camps, Air & Sea Show Traffic Plans and more...



## New Commissioner Takes District I Seat

**Gloria F. Katz** a former educator and local journalist, was sworn into office on March 16 as District I Commissioner of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Katz replaces John E. Aurelius, who was first elected into office in 1991.

Katz, who held office as president of the Coral Ridge Country Club Estates Homeowners' Association, is no stranger to civic activism. The list of boards and organizations affiliated with her volunteer work include serving on The Alliance of Homeowners' Associations for District I since its

inception, Broward County Human Rights Board member for nearly nine years, Fort Lauderdale Community Services Board from 1995 -1997, the Performing Arts Center volunteer group IMPACT 1987-1988 as president and as a member of the Board of Anti-Defamation League.

# Focus On Fort Lauderdale



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## City's Water Quality Exceeds EPA Standards

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The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), an element of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act, requires all water utilities to provide specific information to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by October 19, 1999.

To find out more about this report turn to page 5 of this issue.

## EZ Week - Your Guide To Enterprising In the City

The buzz words throughout the Enterprise Zone are "perks and benefits" and that's just what participants will come away with free at the Third Annual Enterprise Zone Week June 3-5.

The three-day schedule of activities are designed with the small and large business owner in mind by offering a variety of free seminars, workshops and special events to promote business development in the Enterprise Zone.

"Whether you are looking to open, expand or relocate your business, the Enterprise Zone is the place to be," said **Eve Bazer**, Enterprise Zone Manager. "Incentives, tax benefits and plenty of perks are available for entrepreneurs looking to open shop in what is becoming one of the City's hottest affordable areas."

The event will take place at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, located at 512 NE 3rd Ave., bringing together banks, business development resources and service agencies.

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# Year 2000

From safe drinking water to fire safety, the City of Fort Lauderdale prepares for uninterrupted services.

See page 3 for details on what the City is doing to prepare for January 1, 2000.



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## A Message From Mayor Jim Naugle



## City Activities Offer Community Tools To Quality Of Life

The City is committed to providing citizens a constant flow of information, tools and resources that will enhance the quality of life in our community. At this time I would like to highlight some of the upcoming events, workshops and activities.

### A Look At H<sub>2</sub>O

In observance of **National Drinking Water Week**, May 3-7, the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Services Department invites residents, community organizations and schools to take a tour of our Fiveash Water Treatment Plant.

Drinking Water Week is an educational campaign aimed at helping consumers understand what it takes to ensure safe drinking water. A key component of the campaign is to show how individuals can affect the quantity and quality of the water they drink. Providing safe drinking water is no longer a simple matter. Issues such as source water protection, new methods of treatment, and increased regulation make drinking water an important public concern. Learn how your City treats your drinking water and see the operations of the treatment plant as it provides water to thousands of homes throughout the county. Tours, offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also include a short video *Cycle of Water*. Call **492-7805** for information.

### Tools To Keeping Safety In Your Hands

The City of Fort Lauderdale Community Policing Demonstration Center continues to offer a variety of free workshops and programs to increase safety and public awareness on neighborhood issues.

On April 27 residents are invited to attend a Gang Awareness workshop from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. This workshop will discuss the risks of gangs, the indicators of gang membership, and gang activities. Then, on May 20 starting at 6:30 p.m., learn how to limit your child's access on the internet to prevent visitation of inappropriate sites and receipt of inappropriate emails in "Protecting Our Children On-Line." The Center is located at 1113 East Sunrise Blvd. Call **759-6428** to register.

### Beautification Efforts By Example

On May 6, the Community Appearance Awards will recognize residents, businesses and organizations who have beautified our community through new construction, renovation, rehabilitation or restoration of property throughout the City. Through the help of sponsors, the event recognizes the hard work made in preserving and enhancing the visual image and economic vitality of our community.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts will be the site of the event. I invite all to attend and take notice of the examples set forth by our neighbors. Call **468-1513** for tickets.

## Expanded EMS Program To Dispatch October 1999

A City-operated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) model is set to begin in October, which aims to provide Fort Lauderdale residents with a more effective and efficient system.

The new model is a result of the City's recent decision to end its emergency medical service partnership with Broward County and begin providing its own EMS program to better serve Fort Lauderdale citizens.

"As an independent provider of EMS services within city limits, Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue will be better able to achieve consistent, timely responses to all emergencies for our citizens," said Chief **Otis Latin**.

Projected savings for City-handled EMS exceeds \$1 million annually when compared to Broward County's service proposal.

Currently, the City has 12 fire stations strategically located throughout the City to provide efficient and effective emergency response and customer service.

As part of the City's expanded EMS program:

- \* 10 rescue units dedicated solely to Fort Lauderdale calls, will provide an increase over the eight non-dedicated units currently in place.

- \* 15 dispatchers will be hired to manage fire-rescue communications.

- \* An additional 54 paramedic/firefighters, trained in advanced life-saving skills, will be added to the force by August 1, 1999.

The program will also benefit from advances in technology and state of the art equipment. Infrared imaging helmets, space-age protective clothing and new pumper and ladder trucks enhance rescue and life-saving abilities.

Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue personnel teach fire prevention and life safety to children and adults through public education efforts, such as Smoke Detector Giveaways, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, the Explorers and Juvenile Fire Setters Programs and various community outreach programs.

In the months leading to the transition, residents will learn more about their newly expanded EMS program.



## City Unveils Pollution Solution For Waterway Cleanup

Look on to the many waterways throughout the City and you may spot a rather unusual looking boat with a unique purpose.

The City of Fort Lauderdale purchased a new trash-skimming boat, aptly named *Pollution Solution*, to handle trash and debris removal from the City's waterways.

The *Pollution Solution*, constructed of a steel twin hull, measures 34 feet long and 9 feet wide, and weighs approximately 9,600 pounds. Special arms on the front of the boat skim the water, removing any floating debris via a conveyor belt system. A large storage area on the boat holds trash for on-shore disposal. The highly maneuverable boat will reach almost any area, from large waterways to confined canals.

A formal unveiling of the boat was held at the Esplanade Park floating dock on March 20 in conjunction with the 21st Annual Waterway Cleanup organized by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida.

A boat-naming contest held in City schools produced three finalists:

- Pollution Solution
- Trash Master
- Clean Sweep

Following the contest, the City and **Kids Voting Broward** held a mock election in City of Fort Lauderdale schools to elect the winning boat name by vote.



*Shown from left to right, Mayor Jim Naugle along with daughter Rachel, students Brandi Knighton of Thurgood Marshall Elementary School and Jason Bluth of Croissant Park Elementary School, and Commissioner Carlton Moore take part in a christening ceremony for the City's new trash skimming boat. Knighton and Bluth each entered the winning boat name -*

*"Pollution Solution" - in a citywide boat naming contest. Shown below, from left to right, Chad Lucas of Croissant Park Elementary, Laura Howell of Stephen Foster Elementary and Shamika Payoute of Riverland Elementary Schools were finalists in the boat naming contest entering with "Trash Master" and "Clean Sweep."*



# A New Approach To Future Community Development

Development continues at an all time high in the Venice of America.

To maintain the quality of life in our neighborhoods, it is important to ensure that growth and change occur in the direction envisioned by citizens in our City.

In our commitment to address community needs, the City has developed the Community Area Planning (CAP) initiative. The CAP will establish and maintain an ongoing dialogue between citizens and the City to manage and direct change.

The main participants of the CAP initiative will be the citizens - people who live, work and own property in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The City will strive to ensure that through a collaborative, consensus-building process, the public feels encouraged to participate, welcomed to contribute to the development process and able to

influence public decision on a variety of issues. Key issues needing community input include transportation needs, service and facility needs, recreational and open space needs, housing/employment/business needs and trends, preservation needs and trends, crime prevention, educational and more.

While still in the developmental stages, some goals have been established for the CAP which are as follows:

- \* To understand the vision of the community as it is set by the citizenry;
- \* To develop a consensus on how to achieve and implement the vision;
- \* To express that vision in a policy document;
- \* To implement that vision by allocating funds for capital and other improvements and by identifying and seeking alternative funding

## A Message From City Manager Floyd T. Johnson



sources.

The CAP is an opportunity to see that future changes within the City will occur as a result of a collective, collaborative community process which directs the change for the benefit of all.

## Computers and Your City Services... Precautions Taken For The Millennium

Ready or not, the year 2000 is quickly approaching, and in preparation, the City of Fort Lauderdale is exploring all issues to ensure that City services are not interrupted by the Y2K bug.

The City recognizes the substantial problems posed by the actual numerical change from 1999 to 2000 for computer systems and other electronic devices.

In 1992, the City determined that the main-frame computers and software applications were not year 2000 compliant. A migration plan was put into place to replace these with compliant systems. With the migration complete, the City began to test and troubleshoot the effects of non-compliance on all of the City's services to ensure citizen safety and satisfaction.

Because the problem may occur not only on computer systems, but also on electronic devices, the City is testing applications dependent upon services including the 911 computer aided dispatch system and other fire safety devices; mobile data terminals found in police cars and other public safety equipment; instrumental

devices effecting public services including water distribution, waste collection and automated systems; database and tracking systems in all services.

In addition, the City is doing the following to further ensure that municipal services are not interrupted during the roll of the new year:

- \* On the weekends, City personnel conduct simulated tests on systems and applications with employees by advancing systems to year 2000 for compatability.
- \* Throughout the year, the City continues to identify and examine any equipment, appliances, vehicles, facilities, tracking systems or other devices that rely on other equipment and systems that may fail.

"In the months to come, the City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to working toward a seamless transition through the Year 2000 and beyond," said **Kevin Keimel**, Manager of Distributed Systems. "We are confident that our efforts to meet the Y2K challenges will provide quality and uninterrupted customer service."

## Brief News From City Hall



### Improvement Grants Available In May

Applications for the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) and the Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP) will be available in May. The BCIP and the NCIP programs are designed to stimulate and enhance business districts and neighborhoods by providing City funding of up to \$25,000 in the form of matching fund grants to business and neighborhood associations. Workshops to assist in the application process will be held in June and must be attended by all interested in applying. Application deadlines are set for July 30. For information on NCIP, please call **468-1539**. For information on BCIP, please call **468-1503**.

### City, Businesses Seek Teens

The Second Annual Summer Job Fair will be held on April 15, from 1-4 p.m., at Holiday Park's War Memorial Auditorium. Teens ages 16-19 can meet with recruiters from dozens of local businesses. Businesses scheduled to be on hand include the City of Fort Lauderdale, Publix, Winn Dixie, Regal Cinemas, Burdines, Grand Prix Race-A-Rama, Las Olas Riverfront, Gold Coast Skating Rink, Foot Locker, Job Corps, and more. On this early release day for Broward County schools, the City will provide transportation for interested teens from Dillard, Fort Lauderdale and Stranahan high schools to the auditorium for an afternoon of food, music, application assistance, interview workshops and interviews. War Memorial Auditorium is located in Holiday Park at 800 NE 8th St. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at **759-5971**.

### Summer Opportunities For Adults

The City Parks and Recreation Department announces the availability of summer employment opportunities for adults. Positions available include Summer After School Counselor, Summer Day Camp Counselor, Recreational Leader for Teen Programs, Pool Manager, Lifeguard and Recreation Worker for Youth Athletics. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at **761-5346**.

## City Launches EMS Recruitment

The City of Fort Lauderdale is currently recruiting qualified applicants for the positions of Communications Specialist Trainee and Paramedic/Firefighter.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is launching an extensive recruitment campaign in an effort to hire 15 Communications Specialist Trainees by May 30, 1999 and 54 Paramedic/Firefighters by Aug. 1, 1999. The new positions have come about as a result of the City's recent decision to end its emergency medical service mutual-aid partnership with Broward County and, instead, begin providing its own Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program starting in October.

Communications Specialist Trainees are responsible for receiving and responding to both emergency and non-emergency telephone calls, operating a telegraphic typewriter and a two-way radio to dispatch and communicate with mobile police and fire-rescue units in a Police and Fire-Rescue Telecommunications Center.

Applications for all positions may be obtained in person Monday - Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m., in the City Hall lobby, located at 100 N. Andrews Ave. Applications may also be downloaded from the City's web site at <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us>. The City will accept applications on an ongoing basis until a sufficient number have been received. For more information, call **761-5300**.



## Go Crazee At Cajun/Zydeco

Go crazee at the hottest event in town - the 7th Annual Fort Lauderdale Budweiser Cajun/Zydeco Crawfish Festival - set for May 7, 8 and 9.

### Ticket Prices

#### Advance

\$10 - 1 day pass  
\$15 - 2 day pass  
\$20 - 3 day pass

#### At the Gate

\$12.72 - 1 day pass  
\$21.20 - 2 day pass  
\$31.80 - 3 day pass

Take the family to the festivals new location at Fort Lauderdale Stadium, 5301 NW 12th Ave., for a weekend of all the fun, food and music you can handle. Treat your taste buds to some of the hottest and spiciest mouthwatering cajun and creole foods including a live crawfish boil and fried turkeys. Satisfy your sweet tooth by indulging in scrumptious desserts. Playoffs Sports Grill will be hosting a sports tent where you can catch the action of your favorite college and pro teams. Open your ears to 28 bands sending rhythmic sounds from three stages throughout the day. Relax with the family while enjoying a slew of activities for all ages from kite flying to cultural exhibits and crawfish eating to crazee t-shirt contests. The festival kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 7, and runs until 11 p.m. Weekend hours are 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday. To purchase tickets, call 489-3256. For more information, call **24-hour hotline 954-761-5934** or visit the web site : <http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/festivals>



## Economic Summit Yields City's Priorities

Close to 100 business leaders recently gathered for the Economic Development Summit to examine key issues and opportunities vital to the City's continued economic development.

At the close of the summit, hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale's Economic Development Advisory Board and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, participants identified a list of items intended to help address the challenges facing the local business community. The list will now become the priority goals from which the board will focus on over the next one to five years. Among priorities listed were to:

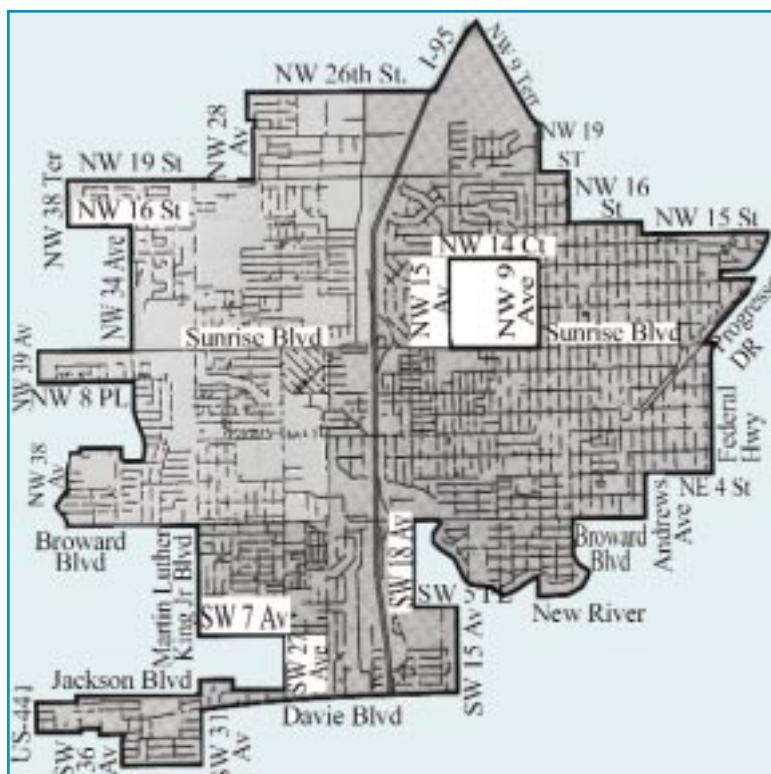
- Develop a vision/marketing plan for the City,
- Improve traffic flow; reduce gridlock and parking problems; encourage development in key corridors; improve landscaping on main arteries and entryways; and create more ties between the Port, Beach and downtown areas,
- Allow more flexibility with Zoning and Code regulations and permitting costs,
- Change City regulations as they apply to occupational licensing.

A summary report is in the works to provide a more in-depth overview and analysis of the summit findings.

## EZ Week Maps Out Business Incentives

Following the kick-off, topics addressed at the free seminars will include:

**Incentives To Save Your Business Money - Introduction to the Enterprise Zone** : Learn about the incentives available to save money on employees, machinery, business equipment, building materials and more. Meet other business people who have taken advantage of these money saving options.





# Fort Lauderdale Water Makes the Grade

It's a fact often taken for granted...you turn on the faucet and water flows out. But where does the water come from? How is it treated? Is the water safe to drink? These questions and more are answered in the Public Services Department's Consumer Confidence Report, being mailed to customers in May, 1999.

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), an element of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act, requires all water utilities to provide specific information to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by October 19, 1999. More importantly, the report mandates that the Consumer Confidence Report also be distributed to all water utility customers, along with an explanation of the terms and definitions.

Public water providers throughout the country who serve a minimum of 25 people - this includes the City of Fort Lauderdale - are required to submit extensive information as part of the report, including:

- ◆ All sources of drinking water
- ◆ Any contaminants found in water
- ◆ Comparisons of city water to federally - issued maximum levels

In the City of Fort Lauderdale Consumer Confidence Report, water customers will learn about the Biscayne Aquifer, the water treatment process at the Fiveash and Peele-Dixie Water Treatment Plants, tests performed in our State-certified laboratory to ensure safe drinking water and test results showing any contaminants found in the water.

"The test results demonstrate that City water meets and exceeds EPA's safe drinking water standards," said Deputy Public Services Director Frank Coulter, "and we are committed to continually providing safe, clean water to our customers."

Following the initial CCR due in October, 1999, the City of Fort Lauderdale is required to

submit test results to its customers and EPA on an annual basis.

According to the EPA, the Consumer Confidence Report is intended as a vehicle to inform water customers of the source and delivery method of drinking water. Contaminants in water are reported based on an EPA-established maximum level to allow customers, particularly those with health problems, to make informed decisions about drinking water.

With over 40,000 water customers, as well as water provided to other surrounding cities, Fort Lauderdale is making sure the water you use for cooking, cleaning and drinking meets the highest possible standards.

Consumer Confidence Reports will be mailed to City water customers in May. For more information or to receive an additional copy of the Consumer Confidence Report, call the Public Services Customer Service Hotline at 771-0880.

## Consumer Confidence Report to Offer Water Quality Information

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) will provide information about the quality of your drinking water. The 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act requires water suppliers, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, to report on the presence of specific elements in drinking water. Certain elements occur naturally due to the source of our water. These elements are reported in units of parts per million and parts per billion. Examples include:

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| ◆ Fluoride | ◆ Sodium   |
| ◆ Nitrate  | ◆ Lead     |
| ◆ Arsenic  | ◆ Aluminum |
| ◆ Barium   | ◆ Iron     |

The CCR will also provide information about the water source, testing and the water treatment process at Fiveash and Peele-Dixie Water Treatment Plants. These two plants have the capacity to handle 90 million gallons of water each day.

## What's In Your Water?

*Find out in the Consumer Confidence Report... watch for your copy arriving soon!*



## Did You Know?

- While the Earth's surface is over 80% water, only 3% is freshwater. Only 1% is available as drinking water.
- The Biscayne Aquifer is the source of water for South Florida ... it lies under 3,200 square miles in Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.
- Fort Lauderdale water is drawn from the Biscayne Aquifer from 36 wells throughout the City.
- Americans use an average of 183 gallons of water each day for cooking, washing and other water-related purposes.
- Humans need 2.5 quarts of water every day to maintain good health.

## Stormy the Fish Promotes Stormwater Program

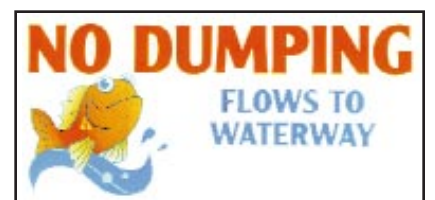
Stormy the Fish is making an appearance on curbside drains around Fort Lauderdale.

Introduced in 1997 as part of the City's Stormwater Management Program, Stormy will be affixed on catch basins and stormwater

grates as a reminder to keep drains clear and free of trash and debris.

The highly visible drain marker (illustration at right) shows the relationship between stormwater and the health of our water system.

A partnership with the Broward County Department of Natural Resources and the City's Save Our Swales program, stormwater education will continue through community outreach to City residents and businesses. For more information, contact the Public Services Department at 771-0880.



## Around Town...

### Take A Stand and March For Parks

Join the *March for Parks* on April 24 and take a 5K walk in recognition of Earth Day.



*March for Parks* is made possible by citizens all across America. As the nation's largest walking event for parks and open spaces,

March for Parks is the longest-running annual nationwide Earth Day event. All proceeds raised at the City March are designated for projects in the City of Fort Lauderdale park system.

The walk begins at 8 a.m. on Fort Lauderdale's South Beach at D.C. Alexander Park, across from the Swimming Hall of Fame on Seabreeze Boulevard.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Registration fees are \$10 per walker, \$25 for groups and \$200 for corporate teams. Strollers, rollerbladers and wheelchairs are welcome.

For more information on March for Parks, please call the 24-hour hotline (954) 766-6699.

### Join the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club

Love to play cards? Then head for Holiday Park and start dealing. Duplicate Bridge Masterpoint games are held every day at 12:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m. Non-life master duplicate games are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Bridge lessons for all levels are available by calling 761-1577. Pinochle games are also held every Monday at 1 p.m. For more information on the Bridge Club call Florence Fitzgerald at 565-9726.

### Young Artist Music Series Concludes

The Bonnet House presents the final segment of performances by some of South Florida's most talented young musicians on April 29 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Admission is \$20 per concert, \$18 for members and \$10 for students. For more information call 563-5393. Bonnet House is located at 900 N. Birch Road.

### Fusion Soccer Season At Play

Take the family for a day of soccer at any one of these upcoming Fusion soccer games at Lockhart Stadium. Group rates and season tickets are available. For additional information, contact the stadium box office at 776-1921, call TicketMaster at 523-3309 or the Miami Fusion Ticket Information Hotline at 1-888-Fusion4.



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| April 24 | Kansas City | 7:30 pm |
| May 22   | DC United   | 2:00 pm |
| May 29   | Tampa Bay   | 7:30 pm |
| June 26  | San Jose    | 7:30 pm |

## City Promotes Car Child Restraint Usage

In 1996, 653 children four years of age and younger died as occupants in motor vehicle crashes in the United States. Of these deaths, 52 percent were unrestrained.

Those numbers are growing in an alarming rate, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department works in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to promote seat belt and child restraint usage through a variety of Community Policing activities including traffic lane squeeze operations through the City, providing drivers with informational handouts and more. The City Police Department and NHTSA ask that you keep these tips in mind.

May 25 - 30  
Buckle Up  
America Week

### One-Minute Child Safety Seat Checkout

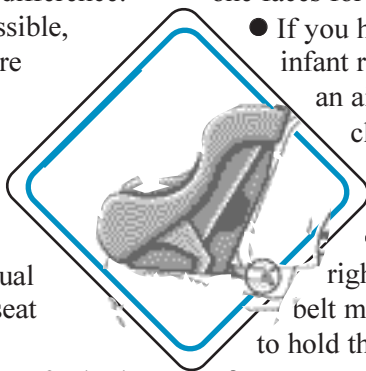
Using a child

safety seat correctly makes a big difference.

To make your child as safe as possible, take a minute to check that you are using it correctly.

- Do you have the instructions? Follow them and keep them with your seat for use as your child grows older.
- Use your vehicle owner's manual for instructions on fastening the seat securely.

● Is your child facing the right way for both his/her height and age? If you use a seat made only for infants, always face it backward. Children up to 20 pounds and age one should ride facing the back of the car.



one faces forward.

- If you have a passenger air bag, does your infant ride in the back seat? The impact of an air bag can seriously injure or kill a child riding in front in a rear-facing safety seat. Carry your baby in the back, facing the rear.
- Is the vehicle safety belt in the right place and pulled tight? The seat belt must go in the correct, marked path to hold the child safety seat in place.
- Does your child use a booster seat if he/she is close to 40 pounds and has outgrown a convertible seat? A booster seat helps the seat belt protect your child until he/she grows big enough to fit in the seat belt alone.

A child over age

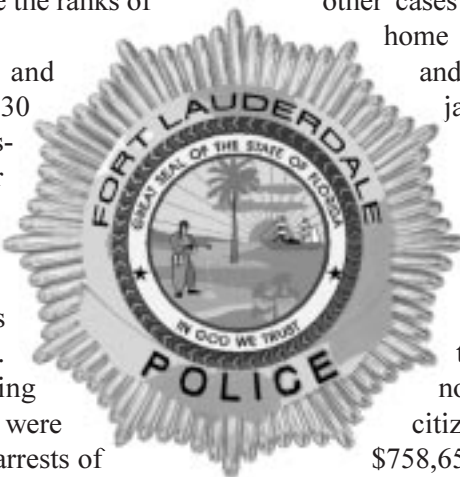
## Police Team Of Two Made Heroes

A team of two officers made the ranks of Officer of the Year for 1998.

Officers Andrew Pallen and Mark Renner join the ranks of 30 other law enforcement professionals honored for their extraordinary policing efforts.

While assigned to District II, Officers Pallen and Renner directed their efforts to the areas of auto theft and violent crimes.

Through proactive policing techniques, Pallen and Renner were able to locate 80 vehicles. The arrests of the culprits in these thefts lead to the solving of



other cases including one homicide, 10 home invasion robberies, 19 armed and related robberies, five car-jackings, four kidnappings and initiated investigations into several major narcotic trafficking cases. In addition, 12 firearms were removed from the streets and two jail escapees were taken into custody. All of this was done with no accidents and no injuries to citizens or their property. A total of \$758,650 in property was recovered and returned to the rightful owners.

## Traffic Plans Map Access To Air & Sea Show

The 1999 Air & Sea Show will soar along Fort Lauderdale Beach May 1 and 2.

The show will extend along the beach, from Las Olas Boulevard to Oakland Park Boulevard. Prior to the event, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will release advisories to aid spectators in making their commuting arrangements more efficient and safe.

### Open Container Ordinance Observed

Open containers will not be permitted on the beach or streets except in designated areas marked specifically for alcohol purchase and consumption. Spectators who do not comply risk possible arrest for non-compliance of a City ordinance.

### On Tap for Traffic

A1A will be closed to vehicular traffic at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, from Sunrise Blvd. to the 1100 block of A1A and will reopen Monday, night, May 3, at 11:59 p.m. A1A will be closed to vehicular traffic between Bayshore Drive and NE 19th St. during show hours.

Sunrise Blvd. will be closed to traffic between Bayview Drive and A1A during show hours. Vehicle access to the beach will be limited and can only be made by way of 17th Street Causeway, East Las Olas Boulevard or East Oakland Park Boulevard.

No eastbound traffic will be permitted on Sunrise Boulevard east of Gateway from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be diverted north on US 1 at the Gateway intersection. This will expedite clearing the beach following the show.

All businesses in the areas affected by the traffic restrictions will be open during their normal business hours throughout the weekend.

### Access For Residents and Business Employees

Vehicle passes will be issued to those individuals who live or work within the restricted areas and will allow them through various checkpoints.

### Beach Access and Parking

Spectators who choose to drive to the beach during show hours will be limited to the use of 17th Street Causeway, East Las Olas Boulevard and East Oakland Park Boulevard.

Parking on the beach will be limited and the parking lots are expected to fill early.

There will be boating advisories restricting safety zones along the stretch of the show.

Arrangement are being made for continuous park and shuttle services. In the weeks leading to the show, traffic advisories will be available.

For more information, visit the Air & Sea Show website at <http://www.airseashow.com> or call the hotline at 527-5600, ext. 88.

## City Grants Smoke Detector Protection For Dorsey Riverbend

Smoke detectors are a burning issue and its no wonder. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), having a working smoke detector cuts your chances of dying in a fire by nearly half. Furthermore, while most homes now have at least one smoke detector, as many as one-third are not functional.

"Contrary to popular belief, most fire deaths occur at night and are attributed to smoke inhalation due to lack of early smoke detection," said **Jorge Mederos**, Fire Rescue & Building Inspector for the City of Fort Lauderdale.

In response to these alarming facts, the City is launching the second phase of a Smoke Detector Giveaway Pilot program in Dorsey Riverbend On May 1.



To participate, Dorsey Riverbend residents: Must live in a single family home, a duplex or triplex

To register for a smoke detector, please call **766-6620** and leave your name, address and telephone number. Participants will receive a notice in the mail confirming their appointment.

A successful pilot in Lauderdale Manors last November provided 1,500 smoke detectors throughout the neighborhood.

Between the hours 8 a.m. and noon, fire personnel will be conducting home safety checks, checking existing smoke detectors and providing free smoke detectors and batteries to Dorsey Riverbend homes.

## Beach Festival In The Works

Fort Lauderdale Beach streets will come alive with musical entertainment, street performers, the aroma of food from local area restaurants, a live remote broadcast from Planet Radio and plenty of fireworks during the Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard Street Festival scheduled for May 28, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Hosted by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce in celebration of the renaming of Atlantic Beach Boulevard to Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard, the event will take

place on Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard from E. Las Olas Boulevard north to Alhambra Street. Road closures starting from 3 p.m. on May 28 to 1 a.m. on May 29 include the following:

- Rerouting northbound A1A traffic west on Las Olas Boulevard to northbound Birch Road to eastbound Bayshore Drive back to A1A,
- Eastbound traffic on Las Olas Boulevard will be directed by signs to use either Las Olas Circle to Birch Road or Seabreeze Boulevard to southbound A1A.

## Businesses Land Airport Ace Awards

Three local companies were the stars on the runway at this year's Achievements in Community Excellence (ACE) Awards presented by Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.

Hop-A-Jet, Hutchings Hose Company and Banyan Air Service were recognized for demonstrating exceptional willingness and ability to operate quietly and to help educate other airport users on the importance of the Noise Abatement Program. The ACE awards, in its second year, is an element of the Pilot Information Program designed as an incentive to pilots and operators to fly their jets as quietly as possible.

"The awards provide the opportunity to formally recognize those who make exceptional efforts to comply with the elements of the Noise Abatement Program," said **Clara Bennett**, Executive Airport Business and Community Programs Representative.

Hop-A-Jet, a charter company based at Executive Airport for 23 years, is one of the busier charter companies with an average of 650 to 700 flight hours per month. Over the past years, the company has transitioned its fleet from older to newer models to help reduce noise.

Hutchings Hose Company, a tenant since 1995 operating its corporate flight department out of the airport and its corporate headquarters on Las Olas Boulevard, manufactures tube/hose assemblies for automotive air conditioning, power steering, and oil cooler lines.



*(l-r) Chief Pilot Jeff Wilson and Pilot Richard Hardy stand inside one of Hutching's aircrafts.*

Banyan Air Service is a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) that offers a full range of aviation services, and has been a leader in its efforts to promote the Noise Abatement Program in 1998.



*Hop-a-jet owner Barry F. Ellis stands aside one of the charter planes.*



*A view of the crew working on Banyan Air Services.*

## Around Town...

### Fort Lauderdale Beach Sets Stage For 1999 Air & Sea Show May 1-2



Free to the public, the 1999 Air & Sea Show will take place along a four-mile stretch of Fort Lauderdale Beach. Military top guns and civilian performers will soar through the air and speed across waves in thrilling maneuvers to entertain both residents and visitors for two days. For more information, visit the website at [www.airseashow.com](http://www.airseashow.com) or call the Air & SAea Show hotline at **527-5600, ext. 88**.

### USA FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix

The International Swimming Hall of Fame will host the USA FINA/USA Diving Grand Prix May 6-9 for the 30th year. This prestigious diving event draws top international athletes, Olympic and World champions. Approximately 175 international delegates from more than 20 nations including current diving powers Russia, China, Germany and the United State will compete. ESPN will be on hand to cover the event. For more information, contact ISHOF at **468-1580**.

### ISHOF Inducts Top Aquatic Heroes

The 35th annual International Swimming Hall of Fame Honoree Induction Ceremony will be held May 7-8. Media interviews and autograph signings from 13 of the world's finest aquatic athletes, coaches and leaders will be officially honored into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. For more information, call **445-1023**.

### Dillard Center For the Arts 1999 Season

The Dillard Center For the Arts continues its 1999 season with **Concert In Dance** on March 13 at 8:15 p.m. and March 14 at 2:15 p.m. Don't miss **The Apple Tree**, a musical by the creators of Fiddler on the Roof on May 14 and 15 at 8:15 p.m. and May 16 at 2:15 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$5. Season subscriptions are available starting at \$20. For more information, call the Broward Center Republic Box Office at **462-0222**.

### Fight Financial Fraud Week

The Office of the Comptroller of the Florida Department of Banking and Finance is hosting a weeklong awareness campaign on financial fraud May 9-15. The Comptroller's office regulates the state's financial industry. By calling either Broward County's regional office at **712-4800** or the Comptroller's toll free hotline number, **1-800-848-3792**, before making any financial investment decision, a consumer can garner important information about the company in question.

### Bike Along the Moonlit Beach

The Fort Lauderdale Moonlight Bicycle Ramble, an informal beachside gathering of cyclists, is hosting a monthly a five mile evening bike ride along A1A from Sunrise Blvd. to South Fort Lauderdale Beach and back. The group meets on the last Friday of the month at Wild Oats Community Market, 2501 E. Sunrise Blvd., 7:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. at the market for the 8 p.m. ride.



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